

Miss J. E. Anderson is confined to her home with a severe cold.

Mrs. Snowden, wife of Rev. W. H. Snowden who has been quite sick, is improving.

Attorney T. L. Jones left the city for Clarksville, Va., Friday morning on account of the death of his uncle.

The large number of friends which Rev. Thomas of Asbury will be privileged to know that he has been ill. Though better, he is far from well.

The speech of Mr. Thomas L. Jones delivered before the Second Baptist Church Lyceum, entitled the Church is not keeping pace with Christian civilization will appear in THE BEE next week.

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MR. SMITH WON OUT.

After Months of Patient Submission the Worm Turned.

And His Strong-Minded Matrimonial Partner Met Her Waterloo—Righteous Fury That Led to Permanent Peace.

There lives in a small town in western New York, not far from Buffalo, an estimable lady with matrimonial proclivities. She has married three times and is yet barely past middle life.

Her various names have blotted from memory her maiden name, but she became Mrs. Green on entering matrimonial relations with her second husband. Mr. Green died a few months after the marriage, but Mrs. Green did not believe in living single, and she cut short the conventional period of mourning in order to enter unincumbered into negotiations with a well-to-do farmer, who had paid her some attention in her younger days. The affair progressed with eminent satisfaction to both interested parties, and finally culminated in their marriage. Just one cause of dissension arose to mar their connubial bliss, says the New York Times. The new partner of Mrs. Green's joys and sorrows was known to the world as "Smith." Now, Mrs. Green did not care to descend from the halo of that noble Anglo-Saxon name Green, to the most plebeian ranks of the Smiths. She refused, therefore, to be a silent member in the partnership, and insisted that her friends continue to call her Mrs. Green. Here the trouble arose. Mr. Smith did not like the idea, but he was one of the submissive kind whose ideas do not count. Their friends, however, refused to call her anything but Mrs. Smith.

The submissive husband finally arose in his wrath and applied an effective remedy. The women of the township have a vote on school matters, and a meeting was to be held in the district school, two miles from the Smith farm. The day of the meeting turned out to be stormy, but Mrs. "Green" insisted on going, regardless of the weather. By six o'clock in the evening the roads were under several inches of mud, and the rain was still pouring down. Mr. Smith had his orders, however, and obediently harnessed up his team and drove his wife through the mud two miles to the schoolhouse.

The meeting was called to order and the roll taken of the property owners present. Mr. Smith's name was called. He responded with a mild "Here!" His wife's name followed—"Mrs. Smith!" No reply, although that lady sat at her husband's side. She would be "Mrs. Green" or nobody.

Mr. Smith was righteously furious. At the close of the meeting he went to the shed for his team and drove up to the school door. His wife came out to join him for the trip home. As she gathered her skirts to step into the rig Mr. Smith inquired:

"Have you seen Mrs. Smith around here anywhere?"

His wife was somewhat taken aback by this unexpected sally, but recovered herself and replied:

"No! I have seen no such person."

"Oh, excuse me," continued her husband. "I was looking for my wife, but if she isn't here I'll drive along home."

He whipped up his horse and vanished in the darkness, mud flying from wheels and hoofs. His wife stood for several moments looking in the direction he had taken, too much astonished at such an unheard-of exhibition of independence to say a word. When she came to herself the teams had all driven away.

She had ample time to think several things as she trudged alone toward home, through the mud, which came over her ankles at every step, and the steady downpour, which soon soaked her to the skin.

When she finally reached home she was too much exhausted to even assume an injured expression. Her husband was sleeping peacefully, and she did not disturb him. She was "Mrs. Smith" from that day forth.

Increase in Railway Mileage.

The average increase in the length of railways throughout the world is about 11,000 miles per annum, equal to nearly 2 1/2 per cent. of the total lines existing, which at the beginning of this century embraced nearly 490,000 miles. Of the increase during recent years 4,100 miles per annum are added to the European system; 3,500 miles per annum to the American system, while the addition in Asia is at the rate of 2,250 miles, in Africa 1,100 miles, and in Australia 160 miles per annum.

A City with a Surplus. The city of Metz not only has no debts, but it has a surplus of \$79,400 marks.

HUNTING THE EAGLE

The Most Perilous of Many Dangerous Alpine Sports.

Sometimes the Hunter Must Hang Suspended in Midair for Hours at a Time—Other Perils of the Chase.

Everybody knows what a dangerous occupation the chamois hunters of the Alps have to endure to make a livelihood, but few know that these "chasseurs de chamois" have a side line that is still more venturesome. It is that of capturing young eagles.

Only the more daring of the chamois hunters undertake it, despite the fact that the financial rewards are much greater than come to those who devote themselves entirely to shooting the nimble-footed animals whose soft skin is always in such demand.

The eagle of the Alps is a royal bird who builds his nest far above the rest of the earth's inhabitants. The most inaccessible cliffs, guarding deep lying gorges and crowned with snowcapped peaks, are his favorite spot for home-making and it is to these places that the eagle hunter has to go.

In just the same proportion that the Alpine eaglets are so hard to reach is their marketable value fixed in the animal booths of Berne and Geneva.

It is a remarkable fact that the most intrepid and venturesome of all the chamois hunters who also seek the young eaglets is a university man, Herr Wilhelm Amrhein, of Munich. He knows the high Alps as well as a schoolboy does his alphabet. There is scarcely a cliff on the range of the Unterwalden that he has not scaled.

Even the monks of St. Benedictine do not know the eagles of the Engelberg as well as does he. His inviolable assistant in the eagle chase is a hardy old Swiss forester called Karl Hess.

The method of the hunt, says the Philadelphia Press, is not only dan-



YOUNG ALPINE EAGLES. (Hunting Them Is the Most Dangerous Sport Known.)

gerous, but it is excessively tedious as well. It necessitates, sometimes, the searchers hanging in midair for hours at a time. The circling of the eagles is carefully watched and the cliff noted on which the nest is probably located. This can only be determined after long and careful study of the birds' habits. The center of the diameter of their circular flight is sure to be near the nest and the young eagles.

The next thing is to get to the top of the cliff and rig up a double set of pulleys. The hauling pulley is fastened on a sturdy standing tree firmly rooted in the intricacies of the mountain top. A cable is veered through this and then through a drop pulley fastened to some stout fallen tree trunk, braced to reach over the brink so that the line will fall clear of the rocks.

A complicated knot, known as a boatsman's seat, in which a man can rest at comparative ease, is formed in this line. Into this the eagle hunter alights his legs and is lowered away over the precipice. With a man above at the pulley to lower and one below at the guide rope to pull in or out, the eagle hunter can get at the crevices in the rock and search carefully for the nests.

In a recent hunt Herr Amrhein was 210 meters up in the air. Snow-shrouded peaks and glaciers were his neighbors. A weak strand in the rope meant certain death. But death also threatened him in other ways. It might come from a moment's giddiness on his part; from a foot slip by the man above who held the pulley rope, or from bad judgment by the man who held the guiding rope below, who might swing him so forcibly into the cleft that he would be dashed to pieces.

After the nest is found and the eaglets secured there are the old eagles to be reckoned with. They do not take kindly to having their young kidnapped and if they are in the immediate neighborhood there is sure to be a lively half-hour for the eagle hunter up in the clouds.

Sometimes a hunter is lowered to the foot of the cliff without seeing a nest. Then comes the tedious and laborious process of hauling him up again. This frequently takes an hour.

If a single nest is found in a week's hunt the hunters feel amply repaid.

How Did They Get There? Petrified tropical fruits have been found in coal from Spitzbergen, the island group in the Arctic ocean, midway between Greenland and Nova Zembla.

THE BLOW LANDED.

How a Dear Friend Effectually Cured One of Her Close Chums of the Club Habit.

She doesn't go to her clubs and encores half as much as she did. People used to say this charming woman spent most of her time at these gatherings. One day, says a writer in the Louisville Times, she called on a dear friend to reprove her for her slackening interest in the club. I believe it was a club for reforming the gas meter or something—anyhow, it was a reform affair.

"Look here, Lizzie," said the enthusiast, "why on earth don't you come to the meetings? Here you are paying your dues and never showing up. You owe it to the club to take an interest in the work."

"But I can't come," explained her friend; "there's the baby, and Henry doesn't come home sometimes till



EXCHANGING CONFIDENCES.

late, and supper must wait, and if he wants to go out I can't go away and leave the children. I would worry myself to death."

"Well, I must say Henry is inconsiderate," said the caller. "Why, there's my husband and children, too. They give me no trouble. Every time I want to go to the club Charlie says he will be glad to stay at home with Bridget and keep an eye on things till I come back. He never objects."

"Maybe," retorted the amiable hostess, "if I had a housegirl as handsome and young as Bridget, Henry would be glad to stay at home, too; but mine is black and goes home at night."

The blow landed, and Charlie hasn't been asked to look after Bridget and the house since.

Biggest Tree in the World. The largest tree in the world is to be seen at Maseali, near the foot of Mount Etna. Its trunk is 304 feet in circumference. The largest tree in the United States is said to be the gigantic tree near Bear creek, on the north fork of the Tule river, in California. It measures 140 feet in circumference. The famous giant redwood tree in Nevada is 119 feet in circumference.

A CAUSE OF INSANITY.

Some Startling Statistics That Form an Indictment of Alcohol.

That alcohol is a powerful influence for evil cannot be disclaimed even by those who advocate most earnestly its legitimate and intelligent employment. Apart from the effects of acute intoxication, says The Journal of the American Medical Association, the deleterious influence of long continued indulgence in alcohol is witnessed in chronic visceral changes principally of a degenerative character.

In speaking of the increase in the number of cases admitted during the year 1900 to the Royal Edinburgh asylum the physician superintendent, Dr. Clouston, in his annual report was unable to avoid the conclusion that this was due to a large extent to the excessive use of alcoholic stimulants during times of prosperity, attended with brisk trade and high wages.

The number of alcoholic insane admitted to the asylum has increased from an average of 15.5 per cent in the period between 1874 and 1888 to 21.5 per cent in the period between 1889 and 1898 and to 22.5 in 1899. Of 472 new cases received during the year 1900 drink was assigned as either the sole or contributory cause in 115, or about one-quarter of all. In the men alone eighty-one, or about one-half, were alcoholic patients. Besides, for every man in whom excessive drinking causes absolute insanity there are twenty in whom it injures the brain, blunts the moral sense and lessens the capacity for work in varying degree.

Dr. Clouston makes an earnest plea for legislative or state means for the diminution of alcoholism. He rightly contends that it is an irrational application of the doctrine of liberty to grant to every man the inalienable right to render himself a burden to others and a source of degradation and danger to the community.

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